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Construction work continues on Liberty Memorial Bridge and plaza areas

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) continues to work toward completion of the new Liberty Memorial Bridge and plaza areas.

Work on the bridge this summer includes:

- Concrete painting: Working on completion of painting some small areas of the bridge.
- <u>East plaza and towers:</u> Forming and pouring concrete for sidewalks and retaining walls. Crews will install steel railing, towers, lighting, flagpoles and historical marker.
- <u>Steel tub girders:</u> Steel tub girders: Complete cleaning the exterior and the interior of all tub girders, touch-up painting of exterior and interior areas that were affected by hauling or installation during construction or flaked off after installation. Evaluation of other painted surfaces needing remediation is still ongoing.
- Anti-pigeon roosting devices: Complete installation of equipment on river piers and diaphragms to keep pigeons away from the bridge.
- Aesthetic lighting: Modifications to the existing lighting are ongoing.
- Overhead/service doors: Complete installation and final painting of doors at the transition piers.

Work on the roadway and surrounding areas includes:

- <u>Captain Marsh Drive</u>: Half of Captain Marsh Drive is completed. Currently placing base and installing new curb & gutter this week. Paving the remaining half of Captain Marsh Drive will occur next week.
- River Road: Installing storm sewer and waterlines. Road work may start late next week.
- Pavement striping: Scheduled to be completed within the next week.
- Grading work: Grading both the Bismarck and Mandan park areas.

Work on the Liberty Memorial bridge is expected to be completed by fall. Construction of the parks will begin in early August and is expected to be completed by June 2010.